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Applicant : Kathrin Scholz et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of February 25, 2010. The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention, which includes claims 10 - 17, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group I invention without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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